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PROGRAM)	November 10, 2003

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English documents may be found in the specification at pages 2-6, 32 and 34. Also, Applicants have obtained English language abstracts for the non-English patent documents and attached them to their respective copies. Copies of English language counterparts, if readily available, are also enclosed and listed on the Form PTO-1449.

FORMAL MATTERS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a certificate, petition nor


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CONCLUSION

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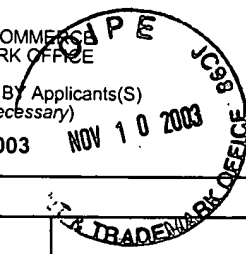
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